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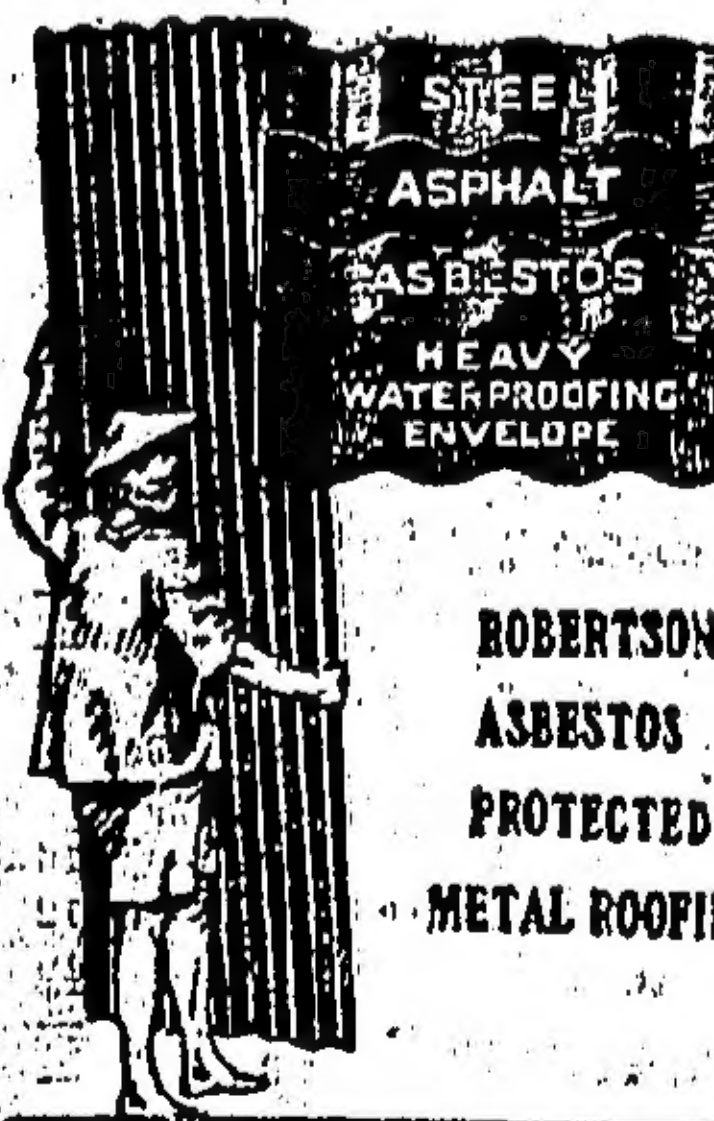
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CANTON CUSTOMS.

QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FULL STATEMENT DESIRED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 23.

In the House of Commons, Lieut.-Colonel Sir Frederick Hall (Conservative, Dulwich) requested an opportunity for the House to have a full statement on the present position in China.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin (Prime Minister) said that there was no material change since the statement made on February 10 by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; but he (Mr. Baldwin) did not think that a further statement would serve any useful purpose at present.

Mr. Dennis Herbert (Conservative, Watford), called attention to the report that the Commissioner of Customs had closed the port of Canton, suggesting that "that showed that the people on the spot were doing their best to preserve the interests of British traders."

Mr. Baldwin said that he had seen such statement. He added that there would be an opportunity of questioning the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs when the latter returned.

Colonel J. C. Wedgwood (Labour, Newcastle-under-Lyme) asked whether the closing of the port of Canton was done after consultation with the Government?

Mr. Baldwin said that he required notice to be given of that question.

[The foregoing merely demonstrates the ignorance at home, even amongst members of Parliament, in regard to the facts connected with the decision of the Commissioner of Customs at Canton not to issue permits for loading and unloading cargo. To speak of "those on the spot doing their best to preserve the interests of British trade" shows an entire misconception of the relationship between the Chinese Customs and the Chinese nation. As clearly stated in these columns on Monday the issue at stake has arisen between the Chinese Maritime Customs on the one hand and the Canton Government and/or boycott pickets on the other hand.]

Foreign Office Enquiry.

Peking, Feb. 23.
The Wai-chiao-pu (Chinese Foreign Office) this afternoon telegraphed to the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Canton, instructing him to investigate the Customs affair.

No Compliance Yet.

Canton, Feb. 23.

Forty steamers are idle as the result of the closing of the port. The Canton Government at present does not give any sign of complying with the Customs Commissioner's requirements.

The Chinese appear delighted at the check given to the Strike Committee's illegal acts.

Over a dozen piracies of foreign steamers have occurred in the Pearl River in the past few months, the latest being two seizures whilst the vessels were lying anchored at Whampoa, within a few hundred yards of the Military Academy.

MRS. P. H. HOLYOAK.

Mrs. P. H. Holyoak was able to leave the Peak Hospital yesterday. Although she may still be laid up for some time yet, she is making satisfactory progress.

A house coiled in the employment of Mr. J. Glen, of East Point Terrace, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday following an attack by a dog. The animal has not been traced.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/4 5/16.

NO CHANGE YET.

CLOSURE OF CANTON'S HARBOUR.

MAIL COMING THROUGH.

"The situation remains unchanged" was the reply of the local Naval authorities this morning to an inquiry by a "China Mail" man as to the closure of the port of Canton by the Chinese Maritime Customs. It will be safe to presume that if anything of importance had occurred, there would be a wireless report to the Navy.

A letter has been received from Canton, since yesterday's publication, showing that mail is still coming through, obviously by the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

The notice giving effect to the closure stated "vessels" and not "steamers." From what is known, the prohibition would affect all steamers, whether arriving from "sea" ports, or other "river" ports, and also native craft from "sea" ports but not "river" ports. A junk going up from Hongkong, or Swatow, would not be allowed to discharge but a tow-boat arriving, say, from Kowloon would not come within the scope of the Customs. On the other hand, a steamer from Wuchow would not be "cleared."

Other Reports.

Private information to hand is that the Kwangtung Political Council met on Monday to discuss the matter, that Mr. Fu-Ping-sheng (Superintendent of Customs and of the Foreign Department) has "been in conversation" with the Customs authorities, and that a request has been made for a resumption pending negotiation. How far these reports are true can only be surmised in the absence of authentic confirmation.

On Monday (when the closure came into force) the examination office formed jointly by the Boycott Committee and the merchants was started. As cargo could neither be shipped nor landed there was no work to do. A native piecegoods dealer is said to have transported some cargo along to the temporary shed near the Steamboat Co.'s wharf (which is quite close to the Customs House on the Bund) but the merchandise was not "passed" as the official on duty (appointed by the so-called examination bureau, or prize-court) was absent.

The closure is also said to have taken the Canton merchants by surprise. On Monday morning when it was found that the "customs had been closed" prices of imported commodities went up. Flour rose 30 cents a sack (of 50 lbs. ?) and sugar about 20 cents a bag, says the "Wah Tsz Yat Po's" correspondent.

Trouble to End?

Later.
There is more than a possibility that shipping will be admitted into Canton and Whampoa harbours again on Friday.

From a very good source it is gathered that steps are being taken which will result in the former position being restored. How this is to be accomplished has not been divulged. One surmise is that the request of the Canton Customs (for the return of cargo belonging to nationals of five Powers, seized by armed boycott pickets) will be complied with. Although there is nothing definite, firms interested are making quiet moves in preparation for the re-opening of the port.

Story About Leather.

From the same source it was learned that the seizure by pickets of a large quantity (said to be about 200 bales) of foreign leather was one of the last acts which caused the decision of the Commissioner of Customs to be reached.

The story goes that on arrival (either at Canton or Whampoa) from abroad, that part of each piece of high-class leather bearing the factory's stamp was cut off, and the lot then seized without going through the Customs, and paying duty.

Mails to Shanghai.

With the cessation in the river traffic, the postal service is being maintained by train. Apparently there has been no hitch in the transfer at Lowi Station, as a mail from Canton arrived yesterday and a despatch was made this morning. Mails to Shanghai, however, are

BAD EYESIGHT.

A POOR EXCUSE FOR THEFT.

CHINESE CONVICTED.

Among other excuses to explain the presence of a coil of lead tubing under his jacket when arrested on a tram car, as a result of which he was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with theft, a Chinese employee of the Tung Yung Kungze Electric Company stated that owing to bad eyesight he could not find the office where he intended to deposit the tubing.

Mr. J. W. Faulkner, insulation engineer, said that the defendant had no authority to take the tubing which was part of the material issued for a contract at the Hongkong Club.

Defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

COUNCIL MEETING.

For the meeting of the Legislative Council on Friday at 9.30 a.m., the business is as follows:
Jury List for 1926.

Resolution.—Resolved by the Legislative Council that the percentage on the valuation of tenements payable as rates for tenements in Stanley shall be 8 1/4 per cent. as from the date fixed by His Excellency the Governor for the coming into effect of this resolution, that is to say, the 1st day of April, 1926.

Second reading of the Bill intituled an Ordinance to authorise the preparation of an edition of the regulations, rules and by-laws in force in the Colony on December 31, 1925.

Second reading of the Bill intituled an Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890.

INDUSTRIES FAIR.

SATISFACTORY RESULTS UP TO DATE.

SPLENDID ORDERS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 23.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales visited the British Industries Fair at Birmingham this afternoon. Another visitor was Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The results of the Fair as reviewed by the Exhibition Management are most satisfactory. One exhibitor has reported the biggest order which he has ever had for wire goods. Another exhibitor has obtained more and better orders for copper furnishings than at any previous Fair.

In the engineering trade good orders have been placed, particularly for oil engines and moderate-sized steel tools.

In the electrical section moderate sized electric plants have sold well.

In the wireless section much business has been done, and here German buyers have been giving orders.

Among Empire buyers the first place is taken by Australia, which has given large orders for hollow ware, and brass and steel water and steam fittings. India and South Africa have been good customers.

Much business has also been done with Spain, Scandinavia, and Denmark.

One important claim made on behalf of the Exhibition is that where British manufacturers have adopted mass production their products are unequalled. The waiting list of firms wishing to exhibit, but crowded out, is so long that the authorities of the Fair met to consider the advisability of greatly enlarging the building in preparation for a bigger success than ever next year.

THREE ACCIDENTS.

LADY THROWN OUT OF SIDE CAR.

TWO HOSPITAL CASES.

The sudden stoppage of a motor lorry at Queen's Road East, without giving a signal it is alleged, led to a motor cycle travelling behind crashing into the vehicle yesterday.

A Chinese lady seated in the side car of the machine was thrown out and injured, but she refused to go to hospital.

A motor car coming out of Wing Lok Street into Des Voeux Road West ran into an empty ricksha and overturned it.

The ricksha coolie received severe injuries which necessitated his removal to hospital.

Another hospital case was provided in an accident at Queen's Road East. A Chinese youth ran out from a verandah and was struck down by a motor car. He was injured in the head.

CANADIAN BONDS.

FLOTATION BY NEW YORK BANKERS.

OTHER ISSUES IMPENDING.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, Feb. 23.

The Canadian Government is shortly entering the money market with an issue of \$40,000,000 ten-year bonds, bearing interest at 4 1/2 per cent. at the price of 98 3/4. The issue will be floated by a syndicate of New York bankers.

Other impending Canadian issues are \$45,000,000 20-year bonds and \$20,000,000 60-year bonds, both at 4 1/2 per cent. to be sold in Canada.

The proceeds of the three issues will largely be used for refunding purposes.

IDLE LIST.

ANOTHER APPRECIABLE DECLINE.

WHAT FIGURES TELL.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 23.

Unemployment continues to show an appreciable decline.

The latest weekly return records a decrease of 5,557 in the number of persons out of work. In six weeks there has been a reduction of nearly 114,000.

The total figure is now 1,139,800. This is 101,000 less than a year ago.

STANDARD OIL.

AGREEMENT MADE WITH TURKEY.

MONOPOLY FOR COMPANY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Constantinople, Feb. 23.
The newspapers announce the conclusion of an agreement between the Government and the Standard Oil Company, whereby Turkey will get its supplies from the Standard Oil Company's depots at Constantinople, Smyrna, and Samsun, thus giving the Company a monopoly.

LOAN TO ITALY.

AMERICAN BANKERS' BIG DEAL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 23.

Negotiations have been completed by American bankers for a loan of twenty million dollars to the Italian Public Utilities Credit Institute.

This is the first external transaction arranged by the Institute.

It is notified that the draw for the Derby sweepstakes will take place at the Civil Service Cricket Club on Monday next at 6 p.m. Tickets not paid for before the draw will be cancelled.

CIVIL WAR.

TIENTSIN ONCE MORE IN DANGER.

TRAINS STOPPED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tientsin, Feb. 24.

The resumed civil war operations are now rapidly converging on Tientsin.

The ordinary passenger service on the Tientsin-Pukow line is now stopped.

NOVEL BILL.

SAFEGUARDING NATIONAL TREASURES.

A BAN ON EXPORT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 23.

The House of Commons to-day passed the first reading of a private Bill introduced by Sir Henry Slesser, Solicitor General, in the late Labour Government, prohibiting the export of works of art and ancient or historic buildings and monuments.

In introducing the Bill Sir H. Slesser pointed out that persons of great wealth abroad had paid the compliment to Great Britain of paying great prices for her national possessions. Enumerating types of national treasures recently taken out of this country, he mentioned Priory House, Warwick, a beautiful old building which had been totally removed and which, he believed, was to be or had been actually re-erected in the United States. There was, he said, a constant flow of some of the most beautiful British works of art to America. Historical records and ancient books, which were an absolutely invaluable heritage for the understanding of the history of this country, were becoming the subject of traffic by antique dealers, and were being sold to the highest bidder.

He agreed that this was a matter of very great difficulty, and required grave consideration, and he thought the best advice should be obtained of interested persons. He suggested, therefore, that the Bill should be referred to a Select Committee of persons who had studied this question in its entirety, and that they should discuss exactly what form the measure should take.

It had been hardly anticipated that Sir H. Slesser's Bill would be accepted, but it was evident that strong feeling prevailed against the export of national treasures, and leave to introduce the Bill was adopted on a division, which resulted—

For 195
Against 144

Majority 51

As stated above the first reading of the Bill was passed.

NEW ZEALAND.

NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON.

SIR JAMES FARR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Wellington, Feb. 23.

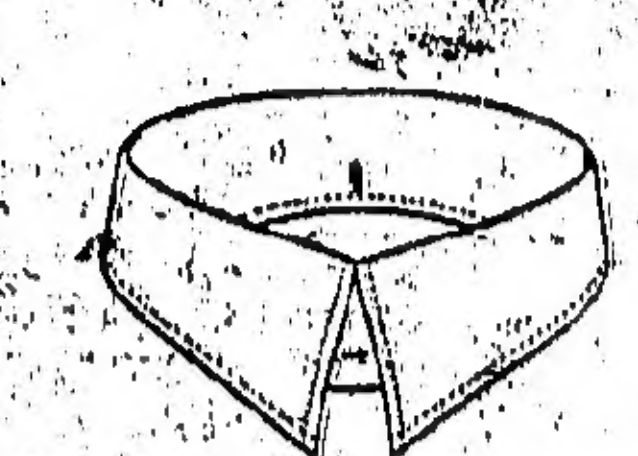
Sir James Farr, K.C.M.G. has been appointed High Commissioner for New Zealand in London in succession to Sir James Allen, K.C.B.

[Sir Christopher James Farr was born on May 18, 1869, and was educated at primary schools, Auckland Grammar School, and University. He became a barrister, and was Mayor of Auckland from 1910 to 1914. Since the latter year he has been M.P. for Auckland in the New Zealand Parliament, being Minister of Education and Public Health from 1920 to 1923, and Minister of Justice since 1923. He was a member of the New Zealand Parliamentary Commission that visited France and Great Britain in 1916.]

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PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE.

Its Study in Local Schools.

The desirability of acquiring a good knowledge of their own language in order that the rich field of literature of their country might be opened to them was emphasised to Portuguese students yesterday by Mr. J. M. Alves.

I am aware, said Mr. Alves, that there is a feeling that here in Hongkong the study of the English language is of more importance for Portuguese children than that of their own language; it is essentially a question of "bread and butter."

"Man, however, does not live by bread alone, and in any case, even if we are to regard the whole question from a purely utilitarian point of view, I have it on the authority of heads of large firms in this Colony that those of their Portuguese employees who command a good knowledge of their own language appear to have been awarded thereby to acquire a more thorough knowledge of English."

In this connection I have much pleasure in announcing that the "Sociedade Mutua" will grant three scholarships of \$25, \$50, and \$100, for the highest marks obtained in Portuguese in the University Junior and Senior Local Examinations, and Matriculation, respectively.

The occasion was the annual distribution of prizes at St. Mary's School, Kowloon, by Lady Clementi. Mr. Alves congratulated the Mother Superior and those responsible for the conduct of the school on the excellent new building and said he considered the addition not only important but a necessary one in view of the increasing demand for education facilities for Kowloon, which was developing rapidly to become the most popular residential area of the Colony.

On behalf of the Rev. Mother Superior, the staff and the pupils I beg to tender to Lady Clementi their sincere thanks for the honour which she is conferring on the School to-day by presiding at this function. Lady Clementi, as we all know, takes a real personal and effective interest in Education."

The report of the headmistress of the school recorded a steady increase in the numbers of pupils. In October of last year there had been the record number of 275. They were now in a position with the new building to accommodate 400.

Examination results were reported as satisfactory and with regard to the study of Portuguese, the following paragraph appeared in the report:

As a large number of our pupils are children of Portuguese parents, Portuguese language is taught in the school and Portuguese pupils are afforded every facility to study their language. It is the desire of the Rev. Mother Superior that every Portuguese girl should learn her own language.

Following the presentation of prizes, Miss S. Lim gave a short recitation expressing thanks to Lady Clementi, who was presented with a bouquet of roses.

In reply, Lady Clementi spoke of the pleasure it gave her to distribute the prizes, and said that one would naturally take a great interest in education when one had children of one's own to educate. She was very interested in the report, and would encourage the girls to study their own language. Lady Clementi remarked that she was glad to present a prize for sewing, and if the Mother Superior desired it she would give a prize next year for cooking (laughter).

The Prize List.

Prizes were presented to the following pupils:

Prize for Biblical Knowledge—Albertina Garcia.

Lugard Scholarship for the year 1925-1927—Carmen Silva.

Dr. A. S. Gomes Scholarship for Regular Attendance—Class 1—Winnie Lo; Class 2—Teresa Sanchez; Class 3—Regina Ribeiro; Class 4—Julia Xavier; Class 5—Rosario Fernandez and Lucy Jorje; Class 6—Joachina Fernandez; Class 7—Fatimesha Yumankan; Class 8—Betty Cullen.

Chev. J. Alves Scholarship for good conduct—Domitilla Souza and Marie Gutierrez.

Class 1—Senior Local Certificates and Prizes—Albertina Garcia and Winnie Lo.

Class 2—Junior Local Certificates and Prizes—Teresa Sanchez (dist. in Needlework); Olga Ribeiro (dist. in Music); Carolina Ribeiro and Marie Remedios.

Class 3—Carmen Silva, Regina Ribeiro, Julia Yao, Sarah Remedios and Betty Remedios.

Class 4—Cynthia Alves, Wilhelmina Wong, Ines Remedios and Clary Silva.

Class 5—Rosario Fernandez, Aida Noronha, Grace Cheung, Estayre Ribeiro and Irene Collich.

Class 6—Joachina Fernandez, Albertina Abdoala, Eusebia da Eba.



Mrs. Bertha A. Koon, president of the Detroit branch of the National Woman's Party, is accused by Mrs. Mary A. Vande of stealing the affections of her husband. Mrs. Vande is also seeking a divorce.

Sarah Abdoala, Elsa Silva, Sophy Lim, Albertina Marques and May Mariotti (for Politeness).

Class 7—Stella Remedios, Mary Chan, Nora Gill and Constance Gomes.

Class 8—Mabel Gardner, Hilda Gama, Olga Mendez, Betty Brewer, Socorro Alves and Augusta Gutierrez (for Recitation).

Class 9—Violet Wong, Georgina Fernandez, Evelina Ribeiro, Jean Alham, Helena Ribeiro, and Maria Xavier.

Class 10—Filomena Gonzales, Marie Britto, Ismeria Ozorio, and Betty Marquez.

Prizes for Music—Julia Liang, Zaida Barros and Betty Cullen.

Prizes for Portuguese—Esther Carvalho, Helena Silva, Edriz Aguiar, Carmen Silva, Terry Gonzales, Lucy Jorje, Poreza da Eca, Sarah Remedios, Elvira Rosario, Marilia Jorje, Eteleva Ribeiro, Guilhermina d'Aguino, Aurea Remedios and Emily Silva.

OPERATIC RECITAL.

NOTED SINGER'S LOCAL DEBUT.

The singer of operatic excerpts may be said to be placed at a distinct disadvantage. There is the absence of the story of a particular opera; orchestra, and costumes and scenery incidental to it. In these circumstances the music must be "the thing" Signora Hilda Maria Vallarino must be congratulated on the success of her recital at the Theatre Royal last night. It was an exacting performance made no easier by the obvious effect on her voice by Hongkong's changeable climate. The Signora is possessed of a natural gift of song. Her voice is pure, and resonant and, last night, was used with restraint. There is music in every note of it, the higher register being particularly fine. The Signora's taste and abilities were shown in the different items she submitted—a veritable feast of grand opera song. Mozart's "Voi che Sapete" was particularly fine, as was also the selection from Madam Butterfly. Perhaps the singer gave greatest pleasure in the more simple but still beautiful and expressive "Elegie" of Massenet, and Saint Saens "My Heart" from Samson et Delilah. Senora Guzman and Mr. H. Edwin Gardner joined Signora Vallarino in duets. The former—who also submitted a pleasing item from Carmen—is a contralto of considerable power and personality. Mr. Gardner is now well known to Hongkong. In the larger space of the Theatre his voice took on an added power and clarity. His future in song should be an interesting one. Of Mr. Harry Ore's piano contributions, the Chopin waltz—played as an encore—was most enjoyable.

Mr. P. Mason had an arduous task at the piano, but discharged his duties with rare musical sympathy and efficiency.

It has to be added that there was a gratifying attendance, and Signora Vallarino and her colleagues gained due appreciation for all they did.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hongkong Tramways, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 26th day of February, 1926, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1926.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 15th February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1926 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1926.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 25th February to 4th March, 1926, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 18, 1926.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY 17th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December 1925, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 3rd March 1926, until WEDNESDAY 17th March 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 23, 1926.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS and VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 11th MARCH, 1926. ENTRIES will DEFINITELY CLOSE at 1 p.m. on MONDAY, 1st MARCH, 1926, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but intending Exhibitors are requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Schedules have been sent to all members who have paid their subscription for the current year.

MEMBERS who have not yet paid their subscription and ALL THOSE who wish to join the SOCIETY are requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, February 17, 1926.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

WORK will be resumed on MONDAY, 1st March. There will be an Entrance Examination for New Boys (Boarders and Day Boys) at Prospect Place, Bonham Road, at 9.30 a.m. on FRIDAY, 26th February.

W. H. HEWITT, M.A., RD.
Warden.
Hongkong, February 20, 1926.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

The Stewards request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the Races.
Hongkong, February 12, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Members have the privilege of introducing 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Bldgs. on or before SATURDAY, February 27th, 1926. Price \$10 per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.
Hongkong, February 12, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh or at the Gate. Price \$3 per day. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform \$1 per day. No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.
Hongkong, February 12, 1926.

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Hongkong, February 12, 1926.

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Mrs. W. J. Wilkinson and family thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and the beautiful floral wreaths sent during their sad bereavement.

Hongkong, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1926.

PURE WATER SUPPLY.

Of all the diseases that flesh is heir to there is perhaps no greater cause, directly or indirectly, than the water supply. It follows, therefore, that no cost can be considered too great, no labour can be deemed as thrown away, that have for their aim the purification of the water supply. Whole countries have been ravaged by epidemics caused in the first instance from the consumption of bad water—water that contains even a minute proportion of bacteria. The prevention of such epidemics is the first care of public health authorities, and such prevention is only rendered possible by regular bacteriological examinations of the water supplied to the public for consumption.

Hongkong has suffered in the past from epidemics, and it is known that drinking water has not always been free from suspicion as the contributing source of such. In urging more frequent examinations of the water supply Dr. Koch did the community a good turn at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, particularly where he emphasised the desirability of such with a view to preventing, especially in the Summer months, the possibility of an epidemic outbreak. He will carry the public with him entirely in his plea that it is essential that steps should be taken by the Government, either by increasing the bacteriological staff or by relieving the Bacteriologist of some of his other duties, to provide for an examination of the water supply at intervals of not less than one week. Dr. Koch tactfully explained, in asking the Board to approve of the submission of his resolution to the Government, that he did not mean it as any invidious criticism of the Government. Far from it. The Board only wished to help the Government, and as an advisory Board they wished to show the Government that they only wanted to give it any assistance they could in the important work. He held that the ordinary clinical analysis of the water was not of much use, and it did not seem to be of much advantage that this should be made as against a bacteriological examination. A lot might happen in one month between the examinations of the water—infection might be spread and an epidemic might easily arise, such as typhoid fever. Valued support for Dr. Koch's views was forthcoming from Dr. Macgowan, who urged that the matter was one that required immediate attention. One could not say but that in the Summer there might be another epidemic, and it was therefore very important and highly essential that the water should receive more regular examination. According to Lieut. Colonel Boylan Smith, who remarked that he would go further than Dr. Koch, the "present position is dangerous." Water was drunk by the population that went through no filtering process, and no one could say what germs were in this water; therefore, he contended, it was essential that very great attention should be paid to the catchment areas, the water in which should be examined every day.

It is not to be anticipated for a moment that the Government will be found unsympathetic when the resolution is eventually submitted to it. The arguments advanced at the meeting of the Sanitary Board, far from being expressed in any mere carping spirit, were primarily aimed at assisting the Government and through the Government, at improving the health of the population. There should be no possible doubt that the Government will accept the resolution in the same spirit, and that it will act upon it with the least delay possible.

INFALLIBLE?

Italy, once more, is in the limelight. That which presaged danger has proved itself so much "hot-air" sufficiently hot to burn up misunderstanding and to suggest a resurrection of the once friendly ties which bound Italy, Austria and Germany. We shall see. The latest thing to disturb Italian home politics is the protest of His Holiness the Pope at the Government's "negotiating on matters" "divinely reserved to the Holy Father." The latter is unable to recognise such a state of affairs except by agreement with him. Giant oaks from Acorn Grove and we have here indications of the beginnings of an apparently small matter which may grow into something so big as to be

come almost uncontrollable. The "Pope of the Vatican" is the spiritual head of vast numbers of people who render him obedience and reverence. Now for the Holy prelate may rely on the consistency and constancy of these adherents we do not pretend to know. How far the purposeful or masterful—possibly headstrong—premier of Italy—virtually a dictator—will submit to the Papal objection, remains to be seen. It is not the first time that the Vatican has raised its voice in objection to incursions into what it deems its own particular province. And if we mistake not, the Vatican has invariably maintained its point. The Italian Government evidently intend to legislate on ecclesiastical matters of a "far-reaching" nature. What these are, cable reports do not indicate. If Signor Mussolini is not averse to "muzzling" and repressing any number of newspapers which have dared to criticise his methods and his policy, it is more than likely drastic measures would be attempted in dealing with an authority likely to contest his power, and probably wielding a far greater authority than does the Italian premier. The clash of religion and politics—not merely in Italy, but the world over—is not an inspiring sight. The spirit of Locarno needs to be generalised and adapted to modern conditions. In this way we may get a purer religion that will be a help and not a hindrance, and politics to mention but one of life's preoccupations—will in like manner become less a game of wits and more of deliberations for the good of the world.

A FINE RECORD.

STORY OF THE B.A.T. IN CHINA.

INTERESTING BOOKLET.

From the local branch of the British-American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd., we have received a copy of a well-got-up booklet giving a brief history of the activities of that concern in China—a history that will truly come as a revelation even to the thousands to whom the letters "B.A.T." are household ones.

It is stated that this pamphlet is not prepared to show a statement of what China owes to the Western business world and to the company in particular, but it is the story of a great enterprise and what it owes to China for its success and the methods in which it has tried to repay its obligations.

This record is naturally bound up with the history of the "weed" in China. The tobacco plant was known in China centuries ago, long before its fragrance was known in Europe. No Western firm can claim to be the pioneers in the introduction of tobacco into China but the B.A.T. does lay claim to be recognised as the firm which brought to the Chinese people the machine-made cigarette. Thirty-two years ago

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This endeavour to produce in China a cigarette which would compare with that manufactured in America and Europe led to the development of an industry in China which now ranks next to the cotton spinning and weaving industries in China. The B.A.T. now employs 25,000 Chinese in the industry.

The booklet, which is printed in both English and Chinese, and contains a couple of fine coloured illustrations, is worth preserving as a tangible record of solid foreign trade in China—trade that is appreciated as much by the Chinese themselves as by outsiders.

OFFICERS' DEATH.

Current "Command Orders" say:—A Committee of Adjustment composed as under, will assemble in the Command Paymaster's Office, Victoria Barracks, at 10 a.m. Thursday, 25th instant, in connection with the effects of the late Lieut.-Colonel T. B. E. Bachus, R.A.P.C., President, Major and B. Lieut.-Colonel H. Trevelyan, R.E., Members—Major T. L. Bourne, R.A.P.C. and Capt. E. Hall, C.M.A.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

February, 1926.
A Calendar. 22, Mon. James Russell Lowell born, 1819.
23, Tues. Revolution in France, 1848.
24, Wed. Sir Christopher Wren died, 1723.
25, Thurs. Thomas Moore died, 1852.
26, Fri. Victor Hugo born, 1802.
27, Sat. First Labour Representation Conf., 1900.
28, Sun. Relief of Ladysmith, 1900.

Just when people are discussing whether or not St. Paul's is safe, it is well to recall Sir Christopher Wren, the remarkable man who designed it, to take the place of Inigo Jones's building after the Great Fire of 1666.

Wren was a great architect, but he was also a mathematician, an astronomer, a chemist, and in each displayed a mind of rare quality. He was capable of daring and far-sighted speculation, as his plan for rebuilding London shows.

As we look at that plan to-day, noting its bold proportions, and then compare it with the formless London that we actually have, we are bound to regret there was not enough imagination amongst those who were responsible for rebuilding London to see how fine a thing they might have done. Wren's misfortune was that he was born a few centuries too soon.

The young man with Buds and a soul above jazz and Buddhism, cocktails was entertaining the pretty girl at the party. He had tried several subjects, with only mild success, when he noticed a small image of Buddha in a corner. "Are you interested in Buddhism?" he asked, suddenly. "No," said the girl, shaking her head. Then she brightened up. "But father would be," she said. "Before we came into town and lived in a flat he was crazy about gardening."

"Extravagance Waste of Money. is the worst sin," said the stout lady to her small husband. "and you are the most extravagant man I know." "But, my dear," answered the little man, "you can't tell me of any useless purchase I ever made."

"Well, there's the fire extinguisher you bought six months ago," she replied. "We haven't used that yet."

Tell A Policeman. time in my long life

(writes a Home correspondent) I have been asked the way by a policeman, and although I had not been in that neighbourhood for several years, I was proud to be

able to direct him to a street of no great importance in a growing urban district. He explained that the place was quite new to him, so even policemen have to make a start some time and somewhere. How many times, we wonder, have local residents deemed it necessary to ask a Hongkong policeman, the way? We dare say, few and far between.

It is not suggested that Apropos, the following overhead dialogue has anything to do with the recent interport golf. "So you played golf yesterday? What did you go round in?" "My new jumper. Really, dear, it is a dream."

In spite of Lady Astor's "Teetotal" protests, anyone who Alcoholic, has lived in the North must be aware that, at least down to quite recent times, port was generally considered a temperance beverage in manufacturing towns. Middle-class women would be seen in confectioners' sipping a glass of port and eating a biscuit in the middle of the morning, and this was no more considered a departure from temperance habits than the once essential glass of sherry at a funeral. Factory girls did not consider port alcohol.

The Christmas number New of the "Wheel" the Epitaphs, house magazine of William Gossage and Sons Ltd., is a very fine example of this type of periodical, and contains, among other good things, an article on "Epitaphs." Some of the suggestions for ornamenting the graves of those who die while at work are very bright.

"Here lies a typist named Helen Hunter; She chewed the bobs off her knitted jumper." There is something so lifelike in this thought of a typist doing something desperate, perhaps when a split infinitive occurred in the dictation. A more sombre note is sounded in these pregnant lines:— "He lived—and earned his bread as Stoker Bandy. He died—and now his trade will come in handy."

One member of the Circumstances: British Press Delegation, took home with him what he regarded as a very good story of the Australian outback. It concerned a hardy old tiller of the soil who, on his deathbed, was giving a few parting injunctions to his better half.

"Don't forget, Matilda," he murmured, "Dan Geebung owes me 25s."

"Poor old Dad," said Matilda, with a meaning smile round the circle of neighbours assembled there to share her grief. "He's sensible to the last."

"An' Matilda," come the quavering voice from the bed. "I owe ol' Dampier, th' storekeeper, 22s."

"Oh, poor thing!" This time the prospective widow burst into tears. "He's wand'rin' agen."

THE INADEQUACY OF LABOUR.

A good many people who are in a position to judge, and not all of them are optimists, believe that we are leaving the trade slump behind, or that at the worst we have seen the trade barometer touch its lowest point (remarks the "Journal of Commerce"). There are many and varied indications which seem to promise better things in the future than we have enjoyed within the last few years, and many keen industrialists are making preparations to take full advantage of any "liveliness" of trade, which may chance to come along. There are many men with brains and with money who are prepared to do their share in pushing along any trade improvement, and they ought to succeed if one of the most vital of the constituents to a trade revival will but play its part in the effort to progress. Labour is the uncertain element. There are fears of trouble in the coal trade when the present subsidy ceases towards the end of the present quarter, the engineering outlook is by no means too good, there are too many evidences of possible strife in the railway world, while there is present strife amongst wireless men on shipboard, which, however, feeble may be its effects, is evidence that the seeds of disruption exist, and will need careful handling before they are suppressed. But even if all these were happily out of the way there is an even greater and more disturbing factor in evidence.

Labour has shown in far too many instances the absence of the "will to work" which is the very backbone of every industry in the country. Money and enterprise

and organisation are essentials in trade and commerce, but they are entirely useless unless the workers realise to the full that it is their work that makes for prosperity in their own ranks as well as for the general community. If the workers in any industry do not put their backs into their work that industry must fail, and they must realise that they, too, are involved in its failure. A notable instance of the failure of labour to understand its responsibilities was given in these columns a short time ago, when a specific case of wanton indifference to results took place at Manchester docks, with the result that a vessel which could have been cleared as the result of a couple of hours' work, or less, was detained for four days as a consequence of the men refusing to carry on. A similar incident at Immingham was also put on record, but indeed such cases are only too numerous.

The publication of these two incidents has had an illuminating result. It has elicited from many parts of the country the opinions of many well-known shipowners, shipbrokers, shippers and others, which show that such handicaps at ports are, by no means infrequent. Consequently, it may be worth while for the workers at the docks to consider how greatly they are jeopardising their own livelihood by their "go slow" tactics. If shipowners and others do not willingly send their ships to the ports which are earning this unsavory reputation the workers will in the long run suffer. It is worth considering whether good and honest work is not the best paying proposition in the end.

RELIEF WORK.

SPLENDID RECORD OF LOCAL SOCIETY.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The Year's Work Outlined At Meeting.

The good work of the Hongkong Benevolent Society in relieving needy cases and providing means of educating children where the circumstances warranted, was referred to at the annual meeting this morning of the Hongkong Benevolent Society.

This was held in St. John's Cathedral Hall, Sir Henry Pollock presiding, supported by Mrs. A. Mackenzie (President), Mrs. Philip Warren (honorary secretary) and a good number of members, despite the inclement weather.

The Chairman read the annual report as follows:—

"The Society has completed its 36th year of work in Hongkong, and during that period has assisted 1,700 cases, which demonstrates in a forcible manner the need for such a Society for the benefit of the distressed and needy persons in our midst."

"This year there have been twenty new cases on our books, besides several old ones who have again applied for help."

"The majority of the cases were of British nationality, the remainder being Polish, Lettish and Filipino."

Education Work.

"The Society is supporting thirteen children in the following schools:—Diocesan Boys' School three; Diocesan Girls' School four; Nankang Convent four; St. Joseph's College two."

"The annual fees amount to \$7,106.00. The children are visited regularly by the hon. secretary and a member of the committee."

"Although the work of the Society is well known to a large number of residents in the Colony, it is felt that there are many new people who do not know of the existence of the Society, and a few salient facts may not be out of this report, and may justify the hope that new subscribers may be added to the list. Any person (other than pure Chinese or Portuguese) may apply for help, which is for the assistance of any who are in need, sickness, sorrow or any other adversity."

"The cases are thoroughly investigated, and all possible care is taken that the applicant is bona fide case to help."

"The Rev. G. D. Waldegrave investigates all applications for help from men in the first instance."

Where To Apply.

"The hon. secretaries attend at the City Hall every Monday and Thursday from 11 to 12.30 to interview cases, and to receive gifts of old clothing. It cannot be over-estimated how valuable these clothes are, nor too widely known that the Society can make use of practically everything."

"The Society has a furnished room which has proved of the greatest use in housing temporarily several cases who were in urgent need."

"The Society is only too glad to be of use in undertaking to investigate any case of distress, and the committee would like to emphasise the inadvisability of promiscuous charity being given by kind-hearted people without first making some enquiries, and which often does more harm than good."

"The Society works in close co-operation with the following Societies:—St. George's Society, St. Andrew's Society, Missions to Seamen, British Legion, St. Vincent de Paul Society."

"The committee also would like to express their grateful thanks to Mr. C. Blum for so kindly auditing the accounts, and to the numerous friends who have given money and clothes."

"In May, Mrs. G. Elliott was obliged to resign her post as hon. secretary, owing to ill-health. The committee would like to record their thanks for the very able manner in which Mrs. Elliott carried out her work. Her place was taken by Mrs. Philip Warren, assistant hon. secretary."

"The following ladies have served on the committee during the past year. Mesdames:—Arnott, Aucott, Bird, Cock, Davison, Elliott, Ferguson, Goldsmith, Holyoak, Owen Hughes, Lindsay, Mackenzie, Shellshear, Warren and Woodhouse."

Commenting on the report, the chairman said that it was sufficient to show the excellent work that the society had done during the past year. He was old enough to remember when the society was first started, 36 or 37 years ago. He had watched its progress, had read almost all its annual reports and was happy to be able to assure the public that the management of the Society still maintained, he might almost say increasingly maintained, the high standard of good and unselfish work done for the poor, distressed and sick which had been set from its foundation."

Chairman's Tribute.

The typical cases instanced in the report (these, by request, are omitted from our report) showed very conclusively, added Sir Henry, that a great deal of trouble was taken by the committee of the Society, not only to assist as a temporary measure but, by finding work in cases where the parties were capable and willing to undertake it, to bring more permanent satisfactory results.

The task of making such enquiries entailed a great deal of work on the honorary secretary and in the name of the Society he wished to express their gratitude to Mrs. Elliott who had carried out the work most zealously up to the time that she had been obliged to leave for home on account of ill-health. To Mrs. Warren, too, they owed a deep debt of gratitude for the excellent work done during the earlier part of the year under review as assistant honorary secretary. The Society was grateful to Mrs. Davison who, during Mrs. Elliott's absence had acted as assistant honorary secretary, also to the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Chaplain, Missions to Seamen, for his advice regarding certain cases.

Referring to the accounts, Sir Henry pointed out that as regarded the balance, the Society had only just succeeded in keeping even with the year before. It would be a good thing if more people who were interested in the work of charitable relief in the colony would become members. The annual subscription was \$12 a year. It was money well spent, as the Society did such excellent work. It was a great boon to business men, for instance, to have an organisation to which they could refer applicants for relief in the certain knowledge that they would be dealt with according to the merits of their cases.

Sir Henry formally moved the adoption of the report and the passing of accounts.

Kowloon Praise.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay seconded. He would like to associate himself, he said, with the remarks complimentary to the Society, made by the chairman, than whom he was a much younger resident but old enough to appreciate the excellent work which the Society was doing. Mrs. Warren and previous secretaries had been a great help to him in dealing with difficult cases. He really did not know what the Colony would do without such an organisation. He hoped that it would commend itself to the public even more than it had done in the past. In conclusion he would make the suggestion that churches might be approached as to their willingness to give regular annual help to the Society as they were benefitted considerably by relief of necessary cases undertaken by the Society.

The Chairman said that this was a suggestion with which he felt sure the Society would concur.

Turning to the election of officers, the Chairman said that the temporary departure of Mrs. Mackenzie, their President, would entail a great loss on the Society. The illness of their Vice-President, Mrs. Holyoak, had been deeply regretted by them all. Although the serious operation which she had undergone had proved completely successful, Mrs. Holyoak would probably be going to England also. Mrs. Warren was uncertain as to when she might be going and thought she ought not to stand, and other members of the committee who were going were Mrs. Arnott, Mrs. Aucott, Mrs. Cock, Mrs. Davison and Mrs. Woodhouse. Those remaining were all willing to serve on the committee.

A ballot was taken and the remaining five were re-elected. They were Mrs. Goldsmith, the honorary treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Bird, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. Shellshear. The additional committee members elected were Mrs. Black, Mrs. King, Mrs. G. Murray, Mrs. Featherstone, Mrs. Potnick, Mrs. Hunt (of the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon), Mrs. Nesbitt, and Mrs. Burlington.

Officers were usually appointed by the Committee at its first meeting, remarked the Chairman.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and an appreciation of the work of Mrs. Warren from the audience concluded the meeting.

"That flour you sent me yesterday was very tough, Mr. Sandimann."

"Tough, madam?"

"Yes; my husband simply couldn't get his teeth into the pastry I made with it."

A vastly indignant lady was consulting her solicitor about bringing an action for slander, and the man of law strongly advised her against it.

LEAGUE COUNCIL.

OUTLINE OF BRITISH POLICY.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 23.

The possibility of Great Britain after all supporting further candidates for the League Council was indicated by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in a speech at Birmingham.

After pointing out that the composition of the Council had already been debated before Germany's entry came into the sphere of practical politics, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that he would not discuss any individual claim, but he pointed out that the Council would consist of eleven members, including Germany. He asked whether eleven were sufficient to speak on the moral judgment of the world, when, in most solemn and most critical circumstances, six of whom might be unable to vote or participate in a decision because they themselves were interested parties and the views of the Council might be the views of a minority. He expressed the opinion that that would be putting too great a strain upon their loyalty and faith, and said that, if suitable additions to the Council could be found, there were good reasons for some addition to their numbers.

BRITISH M.P.'S OPPOSE EXTENSION.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 23.

The constitution of the League Council was discussed at a largely attended non-party meeting of the League of Nations Parliamentary Committee, which numbers over 400 members, at the House of Commons last night. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That this Committee views with grave apprehension the proposal that a special meeting of the League of Nations Assembly be convened for the single purpose of electing Germany to membership of the League and to a permanent seat on the Council in accordance with the understanding reached at Locarno, and should be made the occasion for further fundamental changes in the constitution of the Council. The Committee is of the opinion that there are grave objections to any further enlargement of the Council, and urges the British Government to offer strenuous opposition to any such changes at the present time."

The subject was introduced by Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, former representative of the British Empire at the League meetings and ex-Liberal Minister of Education, and the resolution was moved by Sir Ellis Hume Williams (Conservative) and seconded by Mr. Tom Shaw, the ex-Labour Minister of Labour, amongst those supporting it being Lord Phillimore, the authority on international jurisprudence.

FRONTIER CLASH.

LITHUANIANS PENETRATE POLAND.

A DESIRE TO ATNOY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Warsaw, Feb. 23.

A Lithuanian desire to annoy Poland on the eve of the League of Nations meeting at Geneva is advanced as the explanation of a frontier incident.

Lithuanian guards, it is alleged, forcibly occupied a Polish forest. Shots were exchanged without causing any casualties, but the Poles captured eight Lithuanians.

BISHOP'S DEATH.

NEARLY FIFTY YEARS IN CHINA.

(Navas Agency.)

Paris, Feb. 23.

Bishop Reynaud, who was a missionary in China for 47 years, has died in Paris.

U.S. TAXES.

REDUCTION BILL THROUGH HOUSE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Feb. 23.

The House of Representatives has approved the Tax Reduction Bill.

POISON GAS.

GERMANS IN CHINESE SERVICE.

CONFLICTING REPORTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 23.

In the House of Commons Sir Granville Wheeler (Conservative, Faversham) called attention to the report that German chemists were employed by Chinese militarists for the manufacture of poison gas.

Sir Laming Worthington Evans (Secretary of State for War) replied that result of further enquiries he did not think that the previous information in this connection could be relied upon. He added that the German Government denied that German chemists were employed by Chinese militarists, and I accept that denial unreservedly. (Cheers.)

LOCARNO PACT.

SEAL SET BY H.M. KING GEORGE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 23.

The seal was set on the Locarno Treaty to-day by His Majesty the King signing the instrument of ratification.

[A British wireless message adds:—It is intended shortly to deposit the Treaty with the League of Nations in accordance with its terms.]

FRANC RECOVERS.

DUE TO BETTER POLITICAL SITUATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 23.

The French franc has recovered to 133.5. It is believed that this is owing to the improved political situation.

CROCODILE RIDE.

COULD DE ROUGE MONT HAVE DONE IT?

170 MILES TRIP ON BACK.

It was stated at Barcelona that Captain Wall, a crocodile tamer, had achieved a remarkable exploit. He made a bet to cross from Palma (Majorca) to Valencia (a distance of 170 miles) on a crocodile without oars or rudder.

He constructed a wooden float, which was placed on the crocodile's back. Seated on this float above the water, Captain Wall says he made the journey in 12 hours 42 minutes, guiding the crocodile by means of reins and a long steel goad.

The crocodile is 400 years old, but reached Valencia quite fresh and took a hearty meal on arrival. It was accompanied by the Spanish steamer "Baleia," which illuminated the course by electric projectors.

Pat was given a riddle by the foreman and asked to measure a piece of plate in the yard. On his return the foreman said:—

"Well, Pat, what is the length of the plate?"

"Well, sir," said Pat, "it's the length of this rule and two thumbs over, with this piece of brick, and the length of my hand and arm from here to there, bar a finger."



MRS. ROBERT CHAMBERS.

Robert Husted Chambers, son of the famous novelist, has joined the Reno divorce colony. His wife, a noted English beauty, blames his parents for their separation.

TEA ROOM SHOTS.

JAPANESE AUTHORESS AS VICTIM.

Mme. Takebayashi, a 25-year-old authoress and the mother of a 5-year-old child, lies in a serious condition in hospital from a bullet wound in the face following an attempt on her life in a dancing hall near the (Monte Carlo) Casino gardens.

The tea room of a restaurant was recently taken over by her husband, who converted it into a Japanese garden, and during the tea hour one day in the week the Japanese impresario who had been arranging the attractions asked Mme. Takebayashi if she would dance and give a recitation as she had done many times before.

After some conversation she refused and the impresario whipped out a revolver and shot her. Rushing out he leapt into a motor-car. He was arrested later in the evening at his hotel near the harbour.

Mme. Takebayashi went to Europe some years ago after losing all her property in Tokyo during the great earthquake.

Microphones have been fitted in the House of Lords, with headpieces for the occupants of the Press Gallery. The first speeches spoken into the microphones were on the subject of Locarno, and those occupants of the press gallery who wore the headpieces could not complain that even Lord Haldane was inaudible. When Lord Grey's starched cuffs rubbed against one another, as he leaned forward over the table the sound was heard as a grating accompaniment of his speech. What a peer whispered to the Clerk was heard, and so also was the Clerk's reply. The highly confidential comments of the back benches upon the speeches and their authors were microphoned with the speeches themselves, but they will certainly not receive the same publicity. In a word, the microphone installation in the House of Lords is so thoroughly successful that the whisperers will have to give over even whispering.

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Moonlight in Mandalay.

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Let Us Waltz As we say Goodbye.

Close Your Eyes.

Vocal Pieces

Show Me the Way to Go Home.

Would Rather Be Alone in The South.

Brown Eyes, Why Are You Blue?

Tomorrow's Morale.

My Sweetie Turned Me Down.

Let's Wander Away.

Normandy.

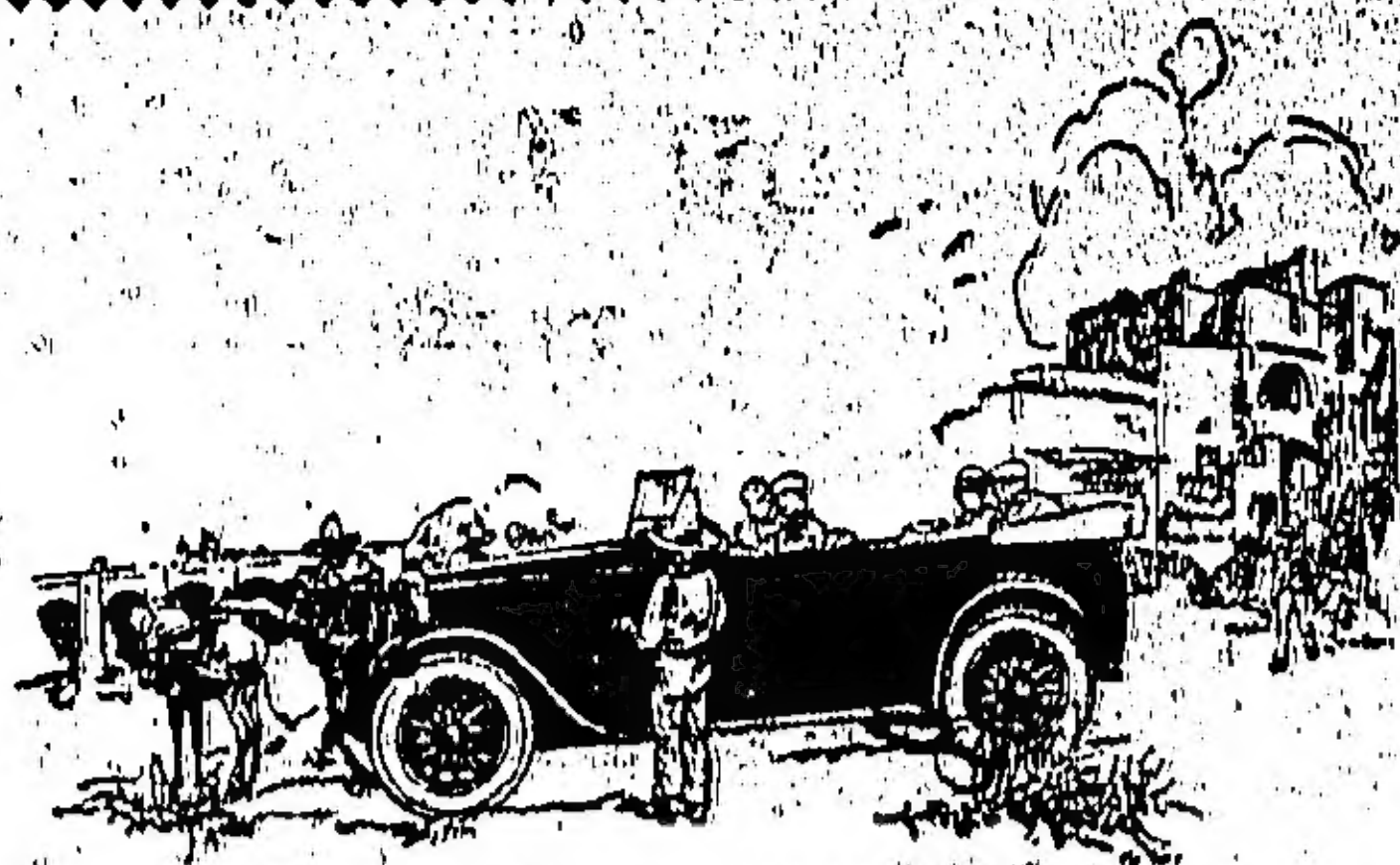
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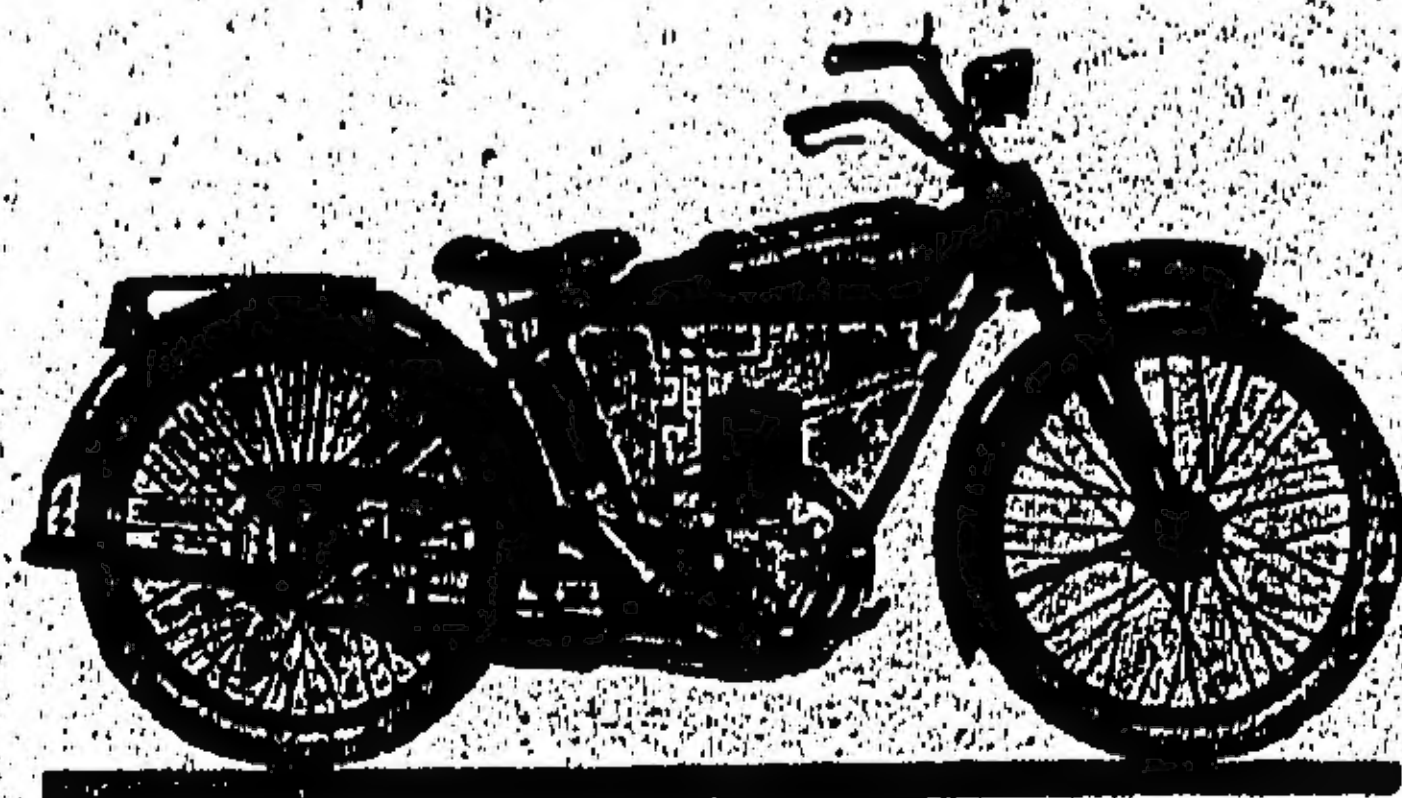
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Globe Trotters are having
a successful season in Shanghai.

The next Home mail is due on
Saturday by the s.s. "Derfflinger."
The mail is coming via Negapatam
and contains letters only, dated
London, January 28.

Gold dollar bonds in connection
with the Banque Industrielle
de Chine are now held at the disposal
of creditors who are advised
to call and claim them.

The Bishop of London's recommendation
for Lenten reading, is
"Personal Religion and the Life of
Fellowship," by Bishop Temple, of
Manchester, Bishop Temple's father
was a former Bishop of London.

The Hongkong Telephone
Company, Limited, give notice
that on and after March 1st, 1926,
their registered office will be at
No. 17, Queen's Road, Central.
All business communications
should be so addressed.

Through the arrival of consignments
of rice, totalling 15,000 piculs
in weight from cities in
Chikiang and Kiangsu the price of
the food has dropped in Shanghai
to \$14.30 per picul, which represents
a decrease of 70 cents.

An editor received from a lady
some verses, daintily tied up with
pink ribbon, and entitled, "I Wonder
if He'll Miss Me?" After
reading them, he returned the
effort to the sender with the following
note: "Dear Madam,—If he
does, he ought never to be trusted
with firearms again."

From Messrs. Dodwell and
Co., Ltd., we have received some
testing samples of the Kolok
"Milk gauge" carbon paper, for
which is claimed the maximum
number of manifold copies, clearness
of impression, cleanliness of
handling, and durability and
uniformity. This brand is made
in purple, black, blue, red, and
green. It is manufactured by the
Kolok Manufacturing Co., Ltd.,
Rochester works, London.

Parisian Museums are proving
the tomb of a number of world
famed pictures. Canvases by
Raphael, Vinci, Carthus, Duran,
Hennen, Renoir, Monet, Degas,
Surgout, Boldini and others, but
ten years ago commanding the admiration
of every connoisseur, are almost
unrecognisable. The reason
is afforded by Albert Flament,
who says, "In winter most Paris
state art galleries register a temperature
of 24 degrees Fahrenheit
and in summer the same state art
galleries register 104 degrees."



LADY DECIES
MRS. A. J. DREXEL, JR.

By court order in New York the
millions of George J. Gould will be
distributed among the children by his
first wife. Among those to share in
the fortune are Lady Decies and
Mrs. A. J. Drexel, Jr.

Forthcoming amateur dramatic
productions in Malaya include
Merrie England by the Penang
Choral and Dramatic Society, The
Admirable Crichton by Selangor
players, and The Sorcerer by
Singapore.

An annual income, computed
at from 20,000 to 24,000 francs, is
made by various Paris professional
beggars whose "pitch" is usually
outside a big Paris church or at
the entrance of a subway station.
Donations chiefly come from Americans.
The Paris courts recently
sentenced a thief to a two year jail
term for having robbed a beggar
of his twenty-five francs' earnings.

"You can sentence a man to
five years for stealing a pair of
boots, but not more than two years
for a much graver offense," said
Sir Ernest Wild, the Recorder,
at the Old Bailey. "The old idea
was that property was everything
and persons did not matter very
much," he added. "A man was
supposed to be able to look after
his own person, his wife and his
dependants, but he could not look
after his property because he had
to be out hunting. Gradually we
are beginning to realize that
offences against the person are
much more serious than offences
against property."

"Fathers and Mothers of Dear
Old Dover" were given a New Year
party by the "K.K.K.K." or the
"Klassical" Konfraternity of
Kongential Konfreres. In keeping
with the careful alliteration of the
society the passwords to all gatherings
are: Komradeship, Kourtesy,
Kordiality, and Kindness. Among
the general objects of the Society
of Four "K's" are the following:—

To keep smiling.
Diffuse cheerfulness.
Promote happiness.
Respect the aged.
Assist the young.

Clothe the naked.
Feed the hungry.
Discourage hypocrisy.
Play the man.
Enjoy life.
Labour for the good of all.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. W. A. Taylor, Chief Medical
Officer, Penang, will be going home
on leave in the spring.

Mr. H. O. Waser, formerly Manager
of the Tor Hotel, Kobe, has
arrived in Shanghai to take over
the management of the Astor
House Hotel.

Mr. W. Stark Toller, H. M. Vice-
Consul in charge of the Land Office
in the British Consulate-General at
Shanghai and Mrs. Toller will sail
by the P. and O. s.s. "Mantua,"
on March 2, for Home leave.

As a sign of their appreciation
of the manner in which the police
of the Shanghai French Conces-
sion have protected them against
armed robbers, Chinese merchants
there have decided to present
Captain Mori and his men with
suitable gifts.

Through the generosity of Mr.
and Mrs. S. A. Hardoon, a large
number of Shanghai Chinese poor
received sufficient quantities of
rice to last them for some days to
come. It was in view of the few
rice shipments and the resulting
hardships of the poor that it was
decided to distribute free rice.

Lt. Col. R. C. Luard, Mrs. C. C.
Luard, and Mrs. E. C. Luard are
among the passengers coming out
on the "Morea" next month.

Word has been received in
Tokyo of the death on January 12,
at Norfolk, Virginia, of Captain
Lyman Cotten, who, at the time of
the earthquake was Naval Attaché
at the American Embassy, Captain
Cotten, who had a distinguished
war record, is survived by Mrs.
Cotten and two sons.

Mr. George Scott, manager of the
Kobe Office of Metropolitan Vickers
Ltd., has left for England with
Mrs. Scott and their son George.
They changed at Shanghai to the
Blue Funnel steamer "Hector,"
which sailed from there on February
27. Mr. and Mrs. Scott expect
to return to Kobe after six months'
furlough. Their son will remain
in England for schooling.

The death has taken place in a
nursing home at Alton in Hamp-
shire (England) of Mr. W. G.
Feast, who was for many years
connected with Messrs. Butterfield
and Swire at Kobe and Yokohama
as a chartered accountant. Al-
though more than two years
have elapsed since the great earth-
quake in Yokohama, he may be re-
garded as a victim of that appall-
ing disaster, as he was badly in-
jured then and was in the sea for
a number of hours, and like several
more who escaped with their lives,
emerged with nerves hopelessly
shattered. After recuperating to
some extent Mr. Feast went, on
three months' leave to Australia,
returning to Kobe in January,
1922. But the change failed to
restore him to health, as he was
again taken seriously ill shortly
after his return to Japan and in
October of that year he went home
to England. Mrs. Feast, again ac-
companying him. The immediate
cause of death is believed to have
been spinal tuberculosis. Walter
Godfrey Feast came to Kobe about
30 years ago and but for a year
or two in Shanghai was in Japan
all the time. He was married in
1899. Both he and his wife figured
prominently in musical circles in
Kobe for many years, notably in
connection with the choir of All
Saints' Church, for which they did
excellent work. Mr. Feast also did
much to keep the old Choral Society
going, and handled the baton suc-
cessfully on one or two occasions.
He was a Past Master of Lodge
Hogbe and Oaks.



SENATOR BURTON K. WHEELER

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, is
finally clear of charges of releasing
his office. Indictment has been dis-
missed in District Supreme Court at
Washington.

Mr. R. H. de S. Onraet is ap-
pointed to act as Superintendent
of police, Singapore, with effect
from December 3.

Mr. Vernon Smith, late of the
Asiatic Petroleum Company's Ipoh
branch, is back from Home leave
and is now managing the Com-
pany's branch at Kuala Lumpur.

The farewell reception given to
Sir Charles Eliot, the retiring
British Ambassador, by the British
Community of Tokyo on January
23 was marked by the absence of
any formality. There were no
speeches, Sir Charles moving
round and chatting with everyone
in turn.

"I shall never sing to you again.
Good-bye."
With these words Dame Nellie
Melba took leave of a Glasgow
audience when she began her fare-
well tour of Great Britain. The
prima donna, dabbling her eyes
with a handkerchief, told the
audience, "I have to go. I have
had a wonderful reign, and I thank
you, friends, for having enabled
me to reign so long." She con-
cluded her programme by singing
"Home, Sweet Home," to her own
accompaniment.



FRANK A. MURPHY

Frank A. Murphy, editor and
publisher of New York, passed away
following an operation for ap-
pendicitis. He was seventy-two years old,
started his career with 23 and died
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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

HOME SOCCER.

RESULTS IN SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

TWO CLOSE MATCHES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 23.
In the Scottish Football League (first division), the following matches were played to-day (home team given first):
Dundee 1, Partick Thistle 0.
St. Mirren 2, Motherwell 2.

The league table now stands:—

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Celtic	27	17	6	4	55	29	40
Motherwell	31	15	8	5	59	39	38
Hearts	20	16	5	7	59	40	38
Airdrieonians	28	17	3	8	72	42	37
St. Mirren	30	14	7	9	43	37	35
Rangers	20	15	4	10	51	43	34
Falkirk	27	12	5	6	47	41	33
Kilmarnock	29	13	5	11	62	64	31
Cowdenbeath	23	13	4	12	68	58	30
Dundee	20	11	8	10	36	47	30
Hamilton	28	10	7	11	56	59	27
Aberdeen	29	9	8	12	41	42	26
Hibernians	30	10	5	15	61	60	25
Partick T.	27	7	9	11	48	55	23
Raith R.	28	10	3	15	38	53	23
Morton	28	8	5	15	34	54	21
Dundee U.	28	8	5	15	33	54	21
St. Johnstone	28	8	5	15	33	60	21
Queen's Park	29	9	2	18	50	71	20
Clydebank	29	7	5	17	47	67	19

SOCCER BRIEF.

GOALIE DISDAINS 50 POUNDS.

(via Colombo.)

London, Feb. 8.
Donald Douglas was sentenced to three months' imprisonment at Falkirk to-day upon conviction for attempting to bribe the Stenhousemuir goalkeeper, to let Stenhousemuir lose against Broxburn on November 23.

It was stated that Douglas, who was getting out of the train at Glasgow and said: "There is £50 for you if you lose to-day's game."

GOLF IN AMERICA.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Ormond Beach (Fla.), Feb. 23.
Over thirty-six holes, Gene Sarazen and Leo Diegel (the U.S. golf professionals) beat Compton and Massey, by 8 and 7.

LAWN BOWLS TOUR.

(via Colombo.)

Wellington, Feb. 9.
The touring team of British lawn bowlers defeated a team drawn from local clubs by 173 points to 131.

MR. AND MRS. J. REID.

YESTERDAY'S PRESENTATIONS AT TAIKOO.

TRIBUTES OF ESTEEM.

On the occasion of his imminent retirement from the position of manager of Tai Koo Dockyard and departure from the Colony, Mr. J. Reid was the recipient of presentations yesterday at the Tai Koo Club.

The presentation of a writing table set, the gift of the Tai Koo Club, was made by Mr. D. Templeton, manager of Tai Koo Sugar Refinery, and a vice-president of the Club.

Mrs. Reid was presented with a blackwood table, inlaid with silver, and a blackwood reading lamp. This was the gift of the staff of Tai Koo Dock.

Mr. G. M. Young, who presided, said he very much appreciated the honour of the invitation to act as chairman of the gathering. The object was to express to Mr. and Mrs. Reid their regard and appreciation. It was eighteen years since Mr. and Mrs. Reid came to Tai Koo, and Mr. Reid had therefore been connected with the dockyard since its opening.

He was appointed dockyard manager in 1910, and notwithstanding the scarcity of labour and other troubles which attended the running of a new establishment, they were all pleased to see that he overcame them, and that on his departure he left a highly efficient and highly organised dockyard. The loyalty and keenness of the staff, all working harmoniously, had undoubtedly brought about this good result.

Mrs. Reid had upheld her husband in all the social duties falling

to them, with great success and pleasure to all who had been present. Mr. and Mrs. Reid left Hongkong with best wishes for a long and pleasant future, wherever they may settle down.

Tai Koo Club's Tribute.

Mr. D. Templeton made the presentation to Mr. Reid and said that they regretted his departure sincerely but rejoiced that he was going to a happy reunion with his family in the motherland. Their close personal association with Mr. Reid had never had a cloud even as big as a man's hand appearing on the horizon.

In thanking the members, Mr. Reid spoke of the feeling of comradeship in the club, and there was no more hospitable place in the Colony. "It was a lot to the women-folk, for without them it would have been a very dull affair. He hoped and trusted the club would go on and flourish. Their gift would recall his happy association with the club and his days in Hongkong."

The presentation to Mrs. Reid was made by Mr. T. Grimshaw, one of the oldest members of the staff who said that Mrs. Reid had been in Quarry Bay for about 17 years, and had shared the troubles and pleasures of long residence in the Colony. She and other ladies of Quarry Bay helped in a great measure in the trying and anxious days following the war to make the name of Hongkong truly respected. He considered that the men had every right to be proud of the work of these women-folk, not only in Quarry Bay but in Hongkong in connection with the great schemes for raising funds for the wounded, so ably carried out by the "Heather Day," "Rose Day," "Our Day," and many other kindred societies.

Asking Mrs. Reid to accept the

gift, he said they wished her to accept their respects and best wishes which went with it. Mrs. Reid suitably replied, and expressed her warm thanks for the gift.

The Company's Staff.

Another presentation made to Mr. Reid was that from the Company's staff. This took the form of an illuminated address bound in silver, and encased in a blackwood silver-mounted case. It bore the inscription "Presented to James Reid, Esq., by the European staff of the Tai Koo Dockyard and Engineering Co. of Hongkong, as a token of esteem and appreciation on his retirement." The illuminated address was hand-painted by Mr. J. Dinley, a member of the staff, and contained over fifty pictures of Hongkong life, in water colours.

The presentation was made by Mr. K. E. Greig, the Chief Engineer. He read the inscription which referred to Mr. Reid's association with shipbuilding in the Far East. The great amount of hard work, perseverance and responsibility which he had expended in face of many difficulties had materially helped to raise the art of shipbuilding in Hongkong to the high standard it held to-day.

In reply, Mr. Reid said he had always had an efficient and loyal staff, and hoped that by their work they had made a success of their efforts in the Colony. He had always done his work to the best of his ability, and he hoped that in the future there would be loyal staffs such as the one he had had the pleasure of working with.

During the evening, an excellent musical programme was provided by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stewart, Mrs. R. K. Duncan, Mr. R. M. Brown, Mr. W. Johnson, and Mr. Norton's orchestra.

COLONY'S WATER.

SANITARY BOARD MEETING DISCUSSION.

DR. KOCH'S MOTION.

Mr. N. L. Smith presided at a meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday, when there were present Dr. W. W. Pearce, Dr. S. W. T'so, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin (members), also Col. Boylan Smith, the Hon. Mr. D. W. Trautman, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest and Dr. A. G. M. Severn. Dr. Koch moved that "This Board is of opinion that the routine bacteriological examination of the potable waters of the Colony should be made at not less frequent intervals than one week, and respectfully requests that the authorities give directions accordingly."

In support he said it would be within the recollection of the Board that on January 12, he asked questions about the answer the chairman was authorised to give was that more frequent examination would be advantageous. He then asked whether steps would be taken to do so and the reply was that it was a question of the increase of staff which was under consideration by the Government, and that without more staff a more frequent examination was not possible.

He could quite understand that one did not wish to rush the hands of the Government but at the changes of season, when they hoped to get heavy rains, the chances of the water getting contaminated were very great. It was absolutely necessary that more frequent examination should be made.

The ordinary clinical examination of the water was not of much use. Much more time seemed to be spent over it than over the bacteriological examination, and it might happen in the interval of a month, in that time anything might happen. Infection might be spread and if it did they would have the blind groping which they saw made during the small epidemics of typhoid, which broke out on the Peak, without much success. He did not wish to advise the Government department, but suggestions perhaps might be made. He thought that if the bacteriologist were to leave some of the extraneous work which took up a great deal of his time he might have more time for the examination of water than he did at present. He could quite see the bacteriologist was very hard worked, but if, for instance, the public mortuary work was taken from him, and put upon another, medical officer such as the police surgeon or the pathologist, then the bacteriologist would be relieved of much extraneous work and would have time to devote to other work.

Bacteriologist's Work.

At present he knew a great deal of his time was taken up in cases which appeared in the Police and Supreme Courts all of which took him away from his regular bacteriological work. If the Government could not see its way to make a new appointment of an assistant to that department, then he would urge that in view of the importance of the regular examination of the water, and of the necessity of it, the bacteriologist might be relieved of some of his other work so that he might devote more time to this examination work while he was single handed.

He might draw the attention of the Government to the fact that years ago when the Colony was not quite so big and when less work fell upon the bacteriologist and his department there used to be two bacteriologists. For some inscrutable reason when one bacteriologist was inactivated home the Government did not think it necessary, possibly, from motives of economy, to fill the vacancy and there had since been only one. Now when the work was doubled, trebled, or even quadrupled he was still single handed and had a lot of really urgent work to do. Important work was bacteriological examinations, important for the general health of the community, and it seemed a pity that his time should be taken up by extraneous work when re-arrangement of affairs in the medical department would leave him able to devote all his time to bacteriological work.

His resolution, he thought, needed no commendation, because it carried its own commendation and he thought he could with confidence ask the Board to join with him in approving this suggestion for the consideration of the Government. It was not in any way an "invidious criticism of the Government. Far from it, they wanted to help and as an advisory Board, wanted to show that they were willing to do all they could to further such assistance as might be required for consideration of these matters.

Dr. Koch Supported.

In seconding the motion, Dr. Macgown said he fully agreed with Dr. Koch's remarks. He considered, however, that a monthly examination was not sufficient, as an epidemic of water borne disease could gain much ground in three weeks. He thought that the "bacteriologist" should be relieved of much of his work and, if the Government were increasing staff, a pathologist should be engaged. Col. Boylan Smith said he would go further and suggest that the water be examined every day owing to the exceptional conditions of the catchment areas in Hongkong. The motion was carried without dissent.



SENATOR KING & SENATOR BRUCE.

Senators King and Bruce are leading the fight with Senator Edge, in the Upper U.S. House, for the modification of the Volstead Act, demanding real beer and wine.

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Among other business, a minute by the chairman in connection with a petition from the Fresh Fish Guild was reserved for consideration in private.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs on the 1st February 1926:—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATERWORKS.

WORKS LEVEL.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.	1905.	1904.	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.
City Reservoir	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
Hill Reservoir	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5

Consumption of water in the City and Hill Reservoirs in millions of gallons during the month of January.

1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.	1905.	1904.	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.
City Reservoir	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
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City Reservoir	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5
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THE R.C. CHURCH.

The "Religio, e Patria" under the heading of Macao, gives the following news:—
The new chapel of the Casa de Beneficencia was inaugurated on January 31.
The new Superior of the Prefecture of Shuang, Rev. Father Antonio Maria Alves, has been appointed Vicar-General of the same Prefecture.
The Bishop of Macao has been appointed to establish a Seminary in Shuang for the formation of Chinese missionaries.
The Seminary of Macao has actually 62 students for the priesthood, including 21 from Portugal and 13 from the Islands of Azores.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 24, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

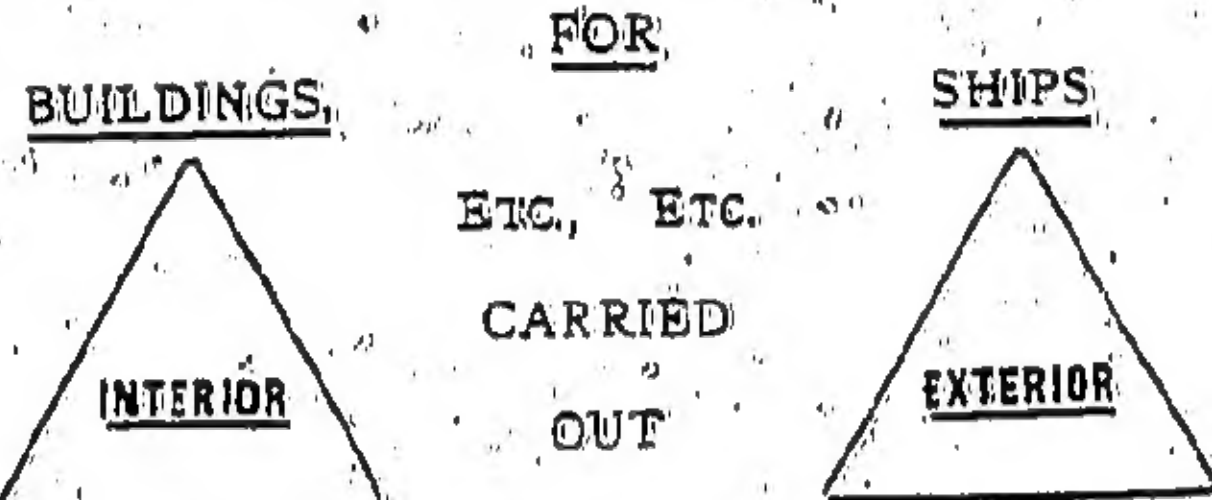
Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Private Brokers Share & Real Estate.
T.T. on London	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	78 1/4	78 1/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	105 1/2 b.	105 1/2 b.	\$105 1/2 b. & sa.
do. London	21 1/2 n.	—	21 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank	22 1/2 n.	22 1/2 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B. do. C.	22 1/2 n. 21 1/2 n.	22 1/2 n. 21 1/2 n.	— —
P. & O. Bank	20 1/2 n.	20 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	85 n.	87 1/2 b.	\$73 s.
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	505 b. & sa.	500 a.	\$600 s.
China Underwriters	2 s.	2 3/10 n.	1.80 b.
North China Insurance	T 145 n.	T 140 n.	—
Union Insurance	268 b. 268 1/2	270 b.	\$269 b.
Yangtze Insurance	43 b. 43 1/2	42 1/2 b.	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	165 b.	165 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	530 b.	515 b. 525 s.	525 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	30 s.	25 b. 28 s.	26 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	20 n.	10 1/2 b. 21 s.	21 s.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	3 s.	4 n.	3 s.
Indo-China (Fr.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	50 s.	—	50 s.
do. () Hk.	—	45 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	—
Shell Transports	92 1/2 b.	97 1/2 b.	95 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	55 b.	55 b.	\$54 b.
Water-boats	16 b.	16 s.	16 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	27 b.	26 b.	25 b.
Malabon Sugars	39 n.	35 n.	50 n.
Mining.			
Benguet	1 1/4 n.	—	—
Kallan Mining Ad.	43 1/2 b.	45 1/2 n.	47 1/2 n.
Langkats (Combined)	23 b.	T 23 b.	T 23 b.
do. (Single)	12 n.	12 n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5 s.	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	7 n.	7 n.	—
Raubs	5 s.	5 s.	6 s.
Trench Mines	55 1/2 n.	55 1/2 n.	—
Ural Caspians	8 1/2 n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$116 b. Ex div.	123 b.	\$115 b. Ex div.
H.K. & W. Docks	54 n.	54 b.	54 b.
Hongkew	T 165 b.	165 b.	165 b.
New Engineerings	7 n.	T 7 n.	63 1/2 b.
Shanghai Docks	107 s.	108 s.	100 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	83 1/2 b.	9 b. & sa.	83 1/2 b.
do. (new)	63 1/2 b. 64 sa.	64 b.	64 b.
Hongkong Lands	5 s.	5 1/4 n.	5 1/2 n.
H.K. Territorials	6 n.	6 1/4 s.	6 s.
Humphreys Estates	12 1/2 b.	12 1/2 b.	12 b.
Princes Building	120 s.	110 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 s.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Two Cottons	T 0.10 b.	T 0.94 s.	T 9 s.
Oriental	3 n.	2 1/2 b. 3 s.	3 s.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	54 b.	54 s.	55 s.
do. (new)	28 b.	27 s.	27 s.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	\$7 1/2 n.	7 s.	\$7 s.
Cements (comb.)	14 n.	14 s.	13 s.
do. (old)	12 n.	12 n.	10 1/2 s.
do. (new)	24 n.	3 n.	2 1/2 s.
China Buses	T 10 1/2 b.	14 1/2 b.	14 b.
China Lights (comb.)	14 1/2 b.	14 1/2 b.	14 b.
do. (old)	11 1/2 b.	11 1/2 b.	10 1/2 b.
do. (new)	7 1/2 b.	7 1/2 b.	7 b.
China Prov. (comb.)	7 s.	7 s.	7 1/2 s.
do. (old)	—	—	—
do. (new)	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 b.	16 s.
Dairy Farms	10 n.	8 s.	—
Der A Wing (full pd.)	—	—	—
do. (part pd.)	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements	11 1/2 b.	11 b.	3 1/2 s.
H.K. Constructions	3 1/2 b.	3 b.	54 b.
Hongkong Electric	56 b. 54 sa.	55 b. 55 1/2 sa.	54 b.
H.K. Developments	25 cts n.	24 cts. b.	25 cts. s.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	37 s.	—	40 s.
do. (old)	13 n.	13 1/2 s.	14 n.
do. (new)	8 n.	8 1/2 s.	8 1/2 n.
Hongkong Tramways	22 1/2 b. 22 1/2 sa.	22 1/2 b. & sa.	22 1/2 b.
Lane, Crawford	12 n. 12 1/2 sa.	11 1/2 s.	12 s.
Macan Electric	40 n.	—	—
Mackintosh	21 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	12 1/2 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	17 1/2 b.	17 b.	17 s.
do. (new)	7 n.	8 n.	9 s.
Sinceres	11 s.	10 n.	9 1/2 b.
Singapore Trams	—	8 1/2 s.	—
Taxis	4 s.	3 s.	2 1/2 s.
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
(Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Watsons (old)	12 s.	12 s.	12 s.
do. (new)	12 s.	—	—
Wm. Powell	10 s.	10 s.	11 s.
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IN PHILADELPHIA

If you met this on a dark night, you would be justified in breaking all speed records. It is nothing but a man, though, dressed up in fantastic costume for the annual "mummers" parade in Philadelphia.



PRINCESS ASTRID

London gossips linked the name of Princess Astrid of Sweden with that of the Prince of Wales.



DANIEL JENNARD, EZRA MECKER, and LOUIS MAUSER

Ezra Mecker, pathfinder on the Oregon trail in 1852, celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday by inviting two old pals to dinner. In the picture, left to right, Daniel Jennard, ninety-seven, Ezra and Louis Mauser, ninety-four, are drinking each other's health—in grape juice.



LEON TROTSKY

Leon Trotsky, seems to have as many political lives as a cat. He has been elected to the Political Bureau of the Communist party, the highest directing power of Soviet Russia.



CREATES CARDINALS INTERVIEW

His Holiness the Pope conducted the recent special consistory at Rome at which he created four new Cardinals.



BEFORE THE WEDDING

This photograph of Clarence H. Mackay, multi-millionaire, head of the Postal Telegraph Co., and his daughter, Edith, was taken before she eloped with Irving Berlin, a song-writer. Mr. Mackay is said to have expressed much anger when he heard the news.



EDITH ASHLEY

Edith Ashley, an unwed mother, charged with killing her baby, was not given the death penalty because of exceptional circumstances.



MRS. MARGUERITE HOFFMAN, A CHICAGO WIFE, WAS AMBITIOUS TO BE A SCREEN ACTRESS. SHE WAS MIALED BY JOHN WEIDEMEIER, ALIAS ARTHUR BROOKS, HER HUSBAND CLAIMS. MRS. ESTHER WEXLER BROOKS (RIGHT) HAS SUED WEIDEMEIER, ALIAS BROOKS (BELOW), FOR DIVORCE, CLAIMING HE HAS MARRIED FORTY-EIGHT WOMEN.

Mrs. Marguerite Hoffman, a Chicago wife, was ambitious to be a screen actress. She was misled by John Weidemeier, alias Arthur Brooks, her husband claims. Mrs. Esther Wexler Brooks (right) has sued Weidemeier, alias Brooks (below), for divorce, claiming he has married forty-eight women.



JOHN WEIDEMEIER

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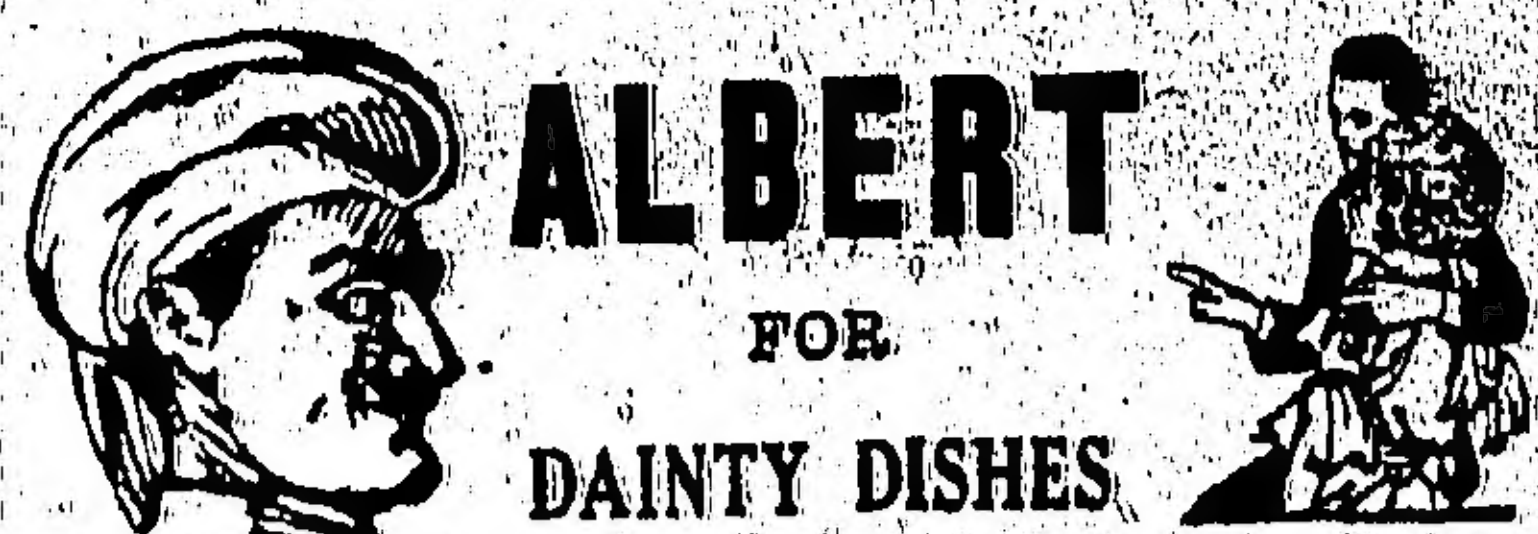
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ODDS AND ENDS



Standing at the long distance tele-
phone, Edwina Austin, of Brookline,
Mass., heard a shot fired at the other
end of the wire. It spoiled the death
of N. L. Langworthy, Boston broker.
He had just been divorced in Provi-
dence. When Miss Austin refused to
wed him, he shot himself.

Long Hair at Night.

A discovery I make, or think I
make, any night that I dille or sup
in restaurant or dance club is that
shingling is going out (says a
writer in the London "Evening
News.") Yet it is not so. "Women
are shingled by day." They only
appear to have long hair in the
evening. Artificial tresses are in
again. One hairdressing artist has
his staff working 16 hours a day to
satisfy fashionable British and
American women who want their
spare tresses made up for evening
wear.

Ex-Kaiser on the Movies.

It is perhaps not without signifi-
cance, that the ex-Kaiser William
of Germany has, obviously with
his own consent and connivance, at
length made his debut as a film
star. London cinema patrons
have had the opportunity of seeing,
on the screen, how the All Highest
spends some, at least, of his
abundant leisure. The film shows
the ex-Kaiser walking in the snow
in the quaint old-world streets of
Doom where he has spent seven
years of exile. Though the years
have aged him considerably, he is
still an active man, and his walk
is almost as briskly alert as ever.
His hair and beard are white, but
his eyes retain their old dark
sparkle, and, though his figure ap-
pears to have slightly shrivelled,
the former War Lord has not quite
lost his military carriage. There
is no trace of anything like
Napoleon's St. Helena morose de-
jection and settled melancholy.
On the contrary, the ex-Kaiser
looks, on the film at all events,
almost buoyantly cheerful.

Price of Prohibition.

In the first three and a half years
of prohibition 72,489 American
citizens were convicted of violating
the anti-liquor laws. Fines in-
flicted in criminal cases alone
amounted to a total of \$2,719,600—
an average of about \$35 for each
violate. These and other interest-
ing figures are given in a report
issued by the United States Depart-
ment of Justice. Incomplete re-
ports for the fiscal year ending
June 30, 1923, indicate that there
were at least 10,000 more convic-
tions in that year than in the pre-
vious year, and 15,000 more than in
1920-1921.

"Free Love" Colony.

An application in Lehigh County
Courts, Pennsylvania, for a charter
for a new colony known as "April
Farm Association" is being
opposed by the State on the ground
that it is a "free love colony."
The farm, which is described by its
promoters as an experiment in
social science, consists of a 200-
acre tract in Milford township,
Pennsylvania, and is at present in-
habited by twelve adults and three
children. The association intends
enlarging the colony by bringing
in fifty more adults, as well as
additional children. Among the
criticisms put forward by the State
are that members of the associa-
tion do not believe in marriage,
the opposite the beginning of the chil-
dren education until they are ten
years old, and appear disinclined
to live according to the tenets of
the community. The founder of
the colony is Charles Garland, who
gained notoriety several years ago
by refusing to accept \$200,000 left
him by his father. Later, how-
ever, he is reported to have accept-
ed the legacy and donated the
major portion to an American fund
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attached to the hose, and when
thrown into the hold it rotated and
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Finda at Iona.

While the workmen engaged in
the preservation of the Nunnery,
Iona, were levelling the floor in
St. Ronan's Chapel, they unearthed
a gold ring and gold fillet. The
former is almost one inch in
diameter, and formed in a pair of
three strands of gold, the ends
being hammered together to form a
small lozenge. Gold rings of this
type have not infrequently been
found in the Western Isles. The
narrow gold fillet, probably part of
a head dress, is ornamented by a
row of pellets along the middle,
and bordered by a row of smaller
pellets in repousse. The fillet is of
similar type to the other found a
few months ago at the same build-
ing, and which is now on view at
the National Museum of Anti-
quities, Queen's Street. In the
Museum are also three similar
fillets found along with coins of
David I., and a small ingot of silver
in Isle of Bute. The fillet now
found is presumably of about the
same date.

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R. S. VERGETTE,
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Courts may now be booked for tournament matches, commencing Monday next, 1st March.

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L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1926.

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